

YOUTH SERVICES NOTES



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From ALSC and YALSA Blogs

Summer Reading Self-Care

Summer reading it upon us. For many librarians, registration has already begun.

Summer reading is hard, y'all. It's fun, but it's stressful and it tests us. So I think the thing to do is to decide beforehand that we're going to take care of ourselves. Once we're in it, it's too easy to get carried away. Here's a few quick tips:

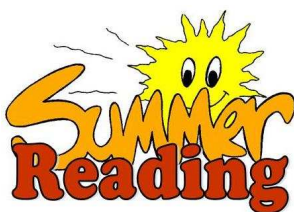
1) Keep an eye on your overtime. At my last branch, all of my family programs were in the evening. It was just too easy to come in at the regular time and work all the way to close. I don't care how young you are, your body cannot handle multiple 12-hour workdays. You will burn out early on and your summer will be miserable.

2) Ask for help. Do you have a staff? Delegate. If you don't, that gets trickier. You might have to ask your manager or other non-YS library staff for help. In a perfect world, they would be thrilled to help, but we all know that's not the case. But summer reading is NOT a one-man operation. Don't try to do it on your own.

3) Set aside you time. Make sure you block off a specific time each week for something for you to do. Seriously. Put it in your phone, planner, or desk calendar. Do you love to read? Grab a book and hit your favorite shady spot. Are you a gamer? Grab that controller because you deserve it. Your brain needs these outlets.

4) Consider taking vacation time in the fall. When I ran a department that was in charge of running summer reading for preschool, K-6, and teens, by the end of the summer, I was totally useless. I used to save up my vacation all year and take two weeks off in August. I know this isn't feasible for everyone, but think about taking at least a long weekend after your programs are over. You deserve it.

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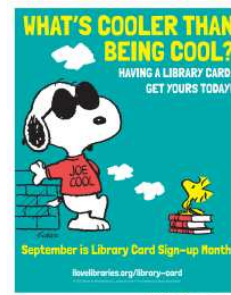


American Library Association News

Celebrate Library Card Sign-up Month with Snoopy

This September, Snoopy, the world-famous beagle, who has been known as The Flying Ace, The Masked Marvel and Man's Best Friend, will add a new title to his resume as Honorary Chair of Library Card Sign-up Month. As Honorary Chair, Snoopy will remind parents and caregivers, children and teens that the coolest card of all is a library card!

Peanuts Worldwide Entertainment has donated Snoopy's image to print and digital public service announcements (PSAs). ALA will place the PSAs in magazines and on websites to remind parents and educators that a library card is a key tool in achieving academic success.



Also, this fall Snoopy, Charlie Brown, Lucy and the rest of the Peanuts gang comes to the big screen in *The Peanuts Movie* from 20th Century Fox and Blue Sky Studios.


PSAs featuring Snoopy are available for download on the Library Card Sign-Up Month website:

<http://www.ala.org/conferenceevents/celebrationweeks/card>

Free customization is available.

In addition to the PSAs, sample media tools are now available to remind the public of all the resources available for free with a library card. Tools include a sample press release, proclamation and radio PSA scripts.

Library Card Sign-up Month is a time when libraries across the country remind parents that a library card is the most important school supply of all. Thousands of public and school libraries join together each fall in a national effort to ensure every child signs up for their own library card.

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- ◇ Beth Crist, Colorado State Library
- ◇ Search Institute
- ◇ And the usual resources — American Library Association, Association for Library Service to Children (ALSC), Young Adult Library Services Association (YALSA), PUBYAC



Dates to Remember

Virginia Conferences

October 21-23, 2015 Virginia Library Association Annual Conference..... Richmond

National Conferences

June 25-30, 2015 American Library Association Annual Conference San Francisco

November 6-8, 2015 YALSA'S 2015 Young Adult Symposium Portland

April 5-9, 2016 Public Library Association 2016 Conference Denver

June 23-28, 2016 American Library Association Annual Conference Orlando

September 15-17, 2016 ALSC National Institute 2016..... Charlotte

Workshops / Early Literacy Activity Center (ELAC) Exchanges

September 9-10, 2015..... Library of Virginia Fall Youth Services Workshop..... Richmond




Register now for the Fall Workshop at <http://vpl.virginia.gov>
Click on "Youth Services" and then the event.
(If you do not see the event, try refreshing your screen.)

Summer Reading Self-Care

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5) Find some support. Maybe you have an excellent support system, like coworkers at a large library system or other librarians in your area to help you get through, but if not, consider your online sources. Twitter has an active library community. Check out the hashtags #librarylife or the humorous #librarianproblems. Storytime Underground and Teen Services Underground both have active Facebook communities that encourage discussion. These resources are so valuable, both for everyday use and to remember that you're not alone.

Happy Summer Reading, Librarians! You can do it.

Posted on May 29, 2015 by Ally Watkins, a Library Consultant at the Mississippi Library Commission. 

Resources for Youth Services Staff

Pinterest Board of Tom Santangelo

<https://www.pinterest.com/wordattack/>

Resources for promoting literacy and learning. Here you can find another use for magnet letters and cookie sheet, leftover plastic eggs, creative writing ideas and a font designed for people with reading problems.

Jefferson-Madison Regional Library: Romp and Stomp

<http://rompandstomp.org/>

This is a blog by the staff at Jefferson-Madison Regional Library. If your storytime muse has gone on vacation this is a nice site to look at. It includes music and rhymes, recipes and ideas to get those a creative idea for storytime.



READ
TO THE
RHYTHM!
Summer
2015



Newport News Public Library

Full STEAM Ahead: Magnets

What is a magnet? What are they used for and how do they work? Participants in this Magnet STEAM program learned the answers to those questions and more during a Wednesday afternoon program at the Grissom branch of the Newport News Public Library System. The magnet-focused program is part of the Full STEAM Ahead series offered at Grissom library, past programs have focused on LEGO mazes, slime-making, Shrinky Dink paper shrinking, and Soap Souffle (chemistry), lighting lightbulbs with a microwave (electricity) and making Tootsie Rolls (measuring skills). This summer they will be building a whole LEGO town!

Submitted by Maria Mena, Family and Youth Services Coordinator



Senior ISS Donna Diamonti helps Caleb Martin, age 7, with magnet experiments at Grissom Library



Jesse Martin, age 9, Caleb Martin, age 7, and Ariana Barbour, age 7, experiment with magnets at Grissom Library 

“Librarian is a service occupation. Gas station attendant of the mind.”

~ Richard Powers ~

From YALSA

Useful Information**Great Summer Reading Resource!**

Reads 4 Teens 2015 is a collection of ready-to-use themed booklists and bookmarks featuring the latest recommended YA literature. Download the digital file, photocopy and distribute as many copies as you like. The file includes 37 pamphlets and 8 bookmarks. Purchase yours by June 15th, and get the 2014 version for free! (\$26.10 for members, \$29 for others). Order yours at:

www.alastore.ala.org/detail.aspx?ID=11454

Apply by June 15th for Funds to Attend the YA Services Symposium

Between now and June 15th, apply for \$1,000 to defray the cost of travel to YALSA's YA Services Symposium, which will be held Nov. 6 – 8, 2015, in Portland, OR. Learn more, view the preliminary program and register at <http://www.ala.org/yalsa/yasymposium>

Teen Book Finder App updated with 2015 Titles

YALSA's free Teen Book Finder app has been updated with titles from its 2015 book and media awards and selected lists. The app is available for free on Android or iOS and is a great readers' advisory tool! Learn more at <http://www.ala.org/yalsa/products/teenbookfinder>

How are You Serving Native American Youth?

There are 556 Native American tribes spread out over approximately 30 states. Connect with tribal libraries in your state to better serve Native American youth. Find tribal libraries in your state via this list:

Tribal Libraries in the United States: a Directory of American Indian and Alaska Native Facilities, compiled by Elizabeth Peterson. Find and share resources for serving Native American Youth on YALSA's [wiki](http://wikis.ala.org/yalsa/index.php/Serving_Diverse_Teens_@_Your_Library) at http://wikis.ala.org/yalsa/index.php/Serving_Diverse_Teens_@_Your_Library

Are You in our State Directory?

Please help us keep state contact information up to date so we can stay in touch! Anyone can edit or add content to this wiki page by creating a (free) account. http://wikis.ala.org/yalsa/index.php/State_Level_YA_Services_Contacts

Upcoming YALSA Activities & Events**June 15**

Deadline to apply for travel funds for YALSA's symposium, www.ala.org/yalsa/yasymposium

June 18

Navigating Interpersonal Conflict in the Workplace webinar, www.ala.org/yalsa/webinars

June 26-30

ALA Annual Conference, <http://alaac15.ala.org/>

July 1-October 1

Volunteer for a 2016-2017 selection committee, www.ala.org/yalsa/aboutyalsa/yalsahandbook#form

July 6-August 2

"Welcoming Spaces" e-course on transforming libraries into teen friendly spaces, www.ala.org/yalsa/onlinelearning/info

July 16

Webinar on serving underserved teen populations, www.ala.org/yalsa/webinars

August 20

Webinar on outreach to teens www.ala.org/yalsa/webinars

September 15

Early bird registration ends for the YA Services Symposium, www.ala.org/yalsa/yasymposium

September 17

Webinar on college readiness programming, www.ala.org/yalsa/webinars

October 18-24

Teen Read Week www.ala.org/teenread

November 1

Deadline to apply for literacies grant via this online form: <http://www.emailform.com/builder/form/5f50dn6UW7TdzuSRFdL>

November 6-8

YALSA Young Adult Services Symposium www.ala.org/yalsa/yasymposium

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**In science, read by
preference
the newest works.
In literature, read the oldest.
The classics are always
modern.**

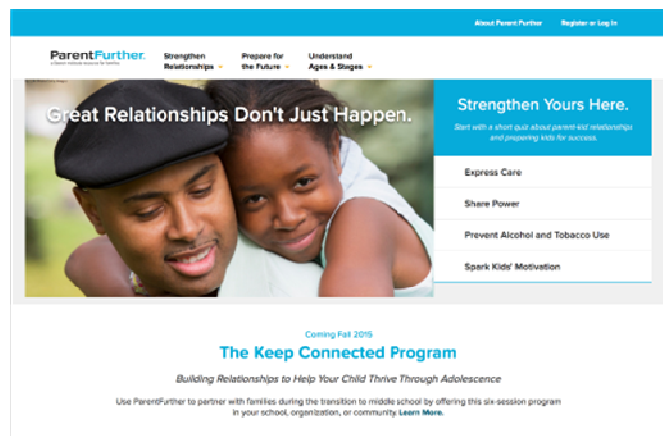
~ Lord Edward Lytton ~

Search Institute

ParentFurther — A Resource for Families

The New ParentFurther: A Resource for Strengthening the Relationships that Matter Most

An all-new website from **Search Institute**, **ParentFurther.com**, <http://www.parentfurther.com> provides parents with quick quizzes, conversations, and activities that bring to life new research on family relationships and youth development.



The new ParentFurther.com offers more than **100 brief, meaningful activities for families** that emphasize kids and parenting adults learning, growing, and enjoying time together. Each activity focuses on strengthening family relationships and developing attitudes and skills that young people need to overcome challenges and thrive in life.

Key Features of the New Site

The new **ParentFurther.com** also features:

- Quick **quizzes** to help parents focus on different aspects of relationships and specific challenges they face
- Discussion-starter **questions** for families
- Accessible **research summaries** on the importance of each topic
- **Tips** for understanding kids at each stage of development, from infancy through adolescence

Among the topics featured on the site are:

- Search Institute's new framework of developmental relationships, which identifies five key strategies: expressing care, challenging growth, providing support, sharing power, and expanding possibilities
- Key attitudes and skills that motivate young people to persevere through challenges and distractions, such as knowing and developing one's sparks (interests), setting goals, and increasing effort

- Positive approaches to key challenges that families face, such as preventing alcohol and tobacco use, and managing money well--the number one source of stress in families

Building on a Strong Foundation

The new ParentFurther website builds on a strong foundation of Search Institute websites for parents, including MVParents.com, launched in 2004, and ParentFurther.com, launched in 2010. "Our previous sites reached a lot of families, but the sites didn't help them use our research to enhance family life," says Eugene C. Roehlkepartain, Search Institute's vice president of research and development and lead developer of the new site. **"The new ParentFurther moves beyond tips and advice to offer practical experiences that families can use to build their relationships and strengths together."**

Though ParentFurther is a resource for individual families, it is also becoming a virtual hub for schools and other organizations to enhance their work with families. Beginning in fall 2015, Search Institute will begin piloting a new family partnership program for schools, tentatively titled **Keep Connected**. **Keep Connected** is being designed initially for middle schools to use in helping parents navigate their children's transition to the teen years. Search Institute's research on developmental relationships will be a focus of **Keep Connected**.

Check It Out!

Parents and people who work with families are invited to visit **ParentFurther.com**, then register on the site to access a rich array of activities and resources. Send us feedback about the site, and encourage others to try it out. We would also love to hear from middle schools that may be interested in piloting the new **Keep Connected** program. Contact us at info@parentfurther.com.

"Libraries serve a vital role for communities by annually providing millions of Americans from every walk of life with ready and free access to all types of information, career and skills training, digital and print literacy instruction, and computing services."

From the testimony submitted by Emily Sheketoff,
Executive Director, ALA Washington Office,
before the
House Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human
Services, Education, and Related Agencies

Colorado State Library

New StoryBlocks Videos, Summer Reading Parent Survey

Hi all, We just posted 6 new StoryBlocks videos here in Colorado, including videos in 3 new languages (Arabic, Vietnamese and French)! Check 'em out: <http://www.storyblocks.org/>

Storyblocks is a collection of 52 short videos, produced in partnership with Rocky Mountain PBS, that demonstrate rhymes and songs appropriate for early childhood to parents, caregivers, librarians, and other ECE educators. Each video comes with ECRR-based early literacy tips. There are now videos in English, Spanish, Vietnamese, French and Arabic! Visitors can search the videos by age group (babies, toddlers, preschoolers), activity type (rhymes, songs), and language. If interested, please share these widely with library staff in your state, along with parents and other educators.

And as long as I'm sharing, we conducted a survey last year of parents of children and teens participating in their local SRPs. We offered it as an option for public libraries, and 16 systems participated. We had some compelling results as reported in this infographic:


<http://www.lrs.org/fast-facts-reports/summer-reading-makes-difference-colorado-families/>.

(A copy attached to this newsletter.)

Thanks!

Beth Crist

Youth & Family Services Consultant

Colorado State Library, Library Development 


Employment Opportunity

Roanoke Public Libraries

Librarian I, Youth Services Department, Main Library

Provides customer service by answering reference inquiries, assisting patrons with research, assisting with the operation of computers and equipment, and recommending reading material using print, non-print and electronic sources. Advises parents and children on book selections. Organizes story hours, children reading programs and other special activities. Takes part in book ordering; stays informed of newly published books by means of professional journals, reviews and other sources. May supervise library support staff. Master's degree in library and/or information science accredited by the American Library Association (ALA); one to three years related experience and/or training as a professional librarian. Possession of a license as required by the State Board for certification of Librarians.

For more information, and to apply, follow link below:

<http://www.roanokeva.gov/DeptApps/JobPost.nsf/1efb3077137521538525694d0055f9b7/3b8d7e8f7461a4db85257e4b005fa26d?OpenDocument> 

Employment Opportunity

Suffolk Public Library

Librarian III, Outreach and Program Services Manager

SALARY: \$49,198 - \$79,595

PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITIES: The Community Outreach Services Manager Librarian III is responsible for managing and implementing outreach services to the community. Responsible for creating and implementing a unified, library-wide approach to the delivery of library services directly to the community beyond the library buildings. Participates in the planning and evaluation of programs, services, and goals for the entire library. Coordinates offsite programming in collaboration with community partners. Reports to the Assistant Director of Libraries.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS: Master's degree in Library and Information Science or closely related field. Three to five years of public library experience involving community outreach services and some supervisory experience; or any equivalent combination of education, training, and experience which provides the requisite knowledge, skills, and abilities for this job.

Requires a valid Driver's License.

CERTIFICATIONS: Must possess state Library certification.

CLOSING DATE: Sunday, June 28, 2015

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

<http://www.suffolkpubliclibrary.com/about/careers/> 

From PUBYAC


Factual Magazines for Young Children

Hello one and all,

I have become aware of two factual magazines for preschoolers. They are from Scholastic— one is called **My Big World (KG)** which is biweekly and the other is **Let's Find Out (PRE-K, K)** which is weekly. More info at www.scholastic.com/magazines.

Although the publication is the school year (September - May) and the wording in the descriptions is geared to "classroom use," they are available to public libraries and to individuals as well.

I know how much we are looking for ways to share factual/information with young children and their families in enjoyable ways and in is in that spirit that I am sharing this information with you.

Posted by Saroj Ghoting, Early Childhood Literacy Consultant, Riner, Virginia, May 27, 2015 



Summer Reading Makes a Difference for Colorado Families



Each year, Colorado public libraries offer engaging summer reading programs to encourage children and teens to read for fun and to prevent summer learning loss. In summer 2014, the Colorado State Library invited Colorado public libraries to ask parents in their communities to help evaluate the effectiveness of these programs by completing a survey. Sixteen libraries chose to participate, and 672 parents/caregivers completed the survey. About half of all respondents reported that their children's enjoyment of reading, reading skills, and reading by choice increased after participating in summer reading. **These outcomes were even more prevalent among families participating in summer reading for the first time and parents of children ages 4-6.** Here we break down these numbers and share in parents' own words the difference summer reading made for their families.

My child's **enjoyment of reading** increased



"Without a doubt this program provided a valuable and measurable motivation to read more and on a regular basis this summer. My son declared that he had learned how fun reading is. Thank you!"

Families participating in summer reading for the first time	61%
Parents of children ages 4-6	59%
All survey respondents	49%

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"As a first time parent it's really helpful to have tangible ideas about ways to get my child engaged in early literacy skills. There were some recommended activities I hadn't thought of trying!"



My child's **reading by choice** increased



"My son's reading endurance has really grown this summer, thanks to the reading program. He was very motivated to read for 40 minutes and sometimes he read for even longer stretches. We will definitely participate again next year!"

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Parents were asked to tell us in their own words the difference the summer reading program made for their children and family:

I loved being able to spend time with my child and bond over my love for books.

As a parent it is so nice to show the children that it is not just at home that reading is fun and important... EVERYONE at the library thinks reading is fun and worth rewarding....my kids love to read...I know I am a big part of this, but **the library helps to reinforce the idea that reading is fun**....THANK YOU!!!!!! We have been a part of the reading program every year and will be back again next year!

An increased appreciation for the BOOK in this era of electronic over-stimulation. A marked increase in reading ability and appreciation. Expanded vocabulary. **An increase in awareness about the world that is available through books.**

We started going as a "keep busy" thing and ended up being a "we love our library thing." **Not only for literacy but a way to get to know people from the community.** My children are sad that the summer program is almost over, but we will continue to come every week.

